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THE PASSING OF JOSEPH GOLDBERG



ON THE Sabbath day of February 14, Joseph Goldberg, the Administrative Director of the Brooklyn Jewish Center, passed away after a long illness. He was sixty years old.

Goldberg's ideal in life was Judaism in all its high aspects, and the most practical way to further this ideal he found in the development, the preservation and the improvement of the Center. To this end he dedicated his mature life, and to the enormous and taxing effort this involved, he gave all of his strength.

One of his last efforts is recorded on the next page, the editorial page of the *Review*. It is an editorial in tribute to Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, the Rabbi of the Center, on his sixty-fifth birthday. Goldberg wrote it on his sickbed in Florida, where he went recently in the hope of recovery. And from his sickbed in his home in Brooklyn, when he returned a week before he left us, he sent some revisions to improve this editorial, so that his tribute would better reflect his admiration of Dr. Levinthal and his love for the Center.

So it was during all the thirty odd years of his association with this institution. His aim was to collaborate with his colleagues in the most effective way to make the Center the embodiment of Jewish ideals and an agency of service to the community, both in the Center's own neighborhood and beyond. He was always eager to add a new activity to the Center, and when it was established he fought with all his gentle tenacity and tact to keep it. During the depths of the depression, when other institutions were trimming away their services, Goldberg tried to increase the activities at the Center, and succeeded so well that the Brooklyn Jewish Center gained vastly in strength and prestige and became an envied model for other organizations throughout the United States.

In the great legacy of unselfish service that Joseph Goldberg left to the Center, perhaps the outstanding element in it was a principle that he so often stated to his intimates: "I believe in always going forward, never backward."

Joseph Goldberg came to the Center thirty-three years ago, when it was being organized. He was a young veteran of the first world war. Before he left for overseas, he had already given himself wholeheartedly to many Jewish causes, including his revered cause of Zionism. When he came home he decided that it was time to enter some profitable business and join the company of those whom he saw progress towards a tidy competence. But then he was influenced to look into a new development that was taking place in Brooklyn, a new idea of communal service called the Synagogue Center, where the worship of the Jewish faith was to be fused with Jewish culture and recreational activities.

Captivated by this movement, Goldberg met Dr. Levinthal, then a young rabbi called to be the spiritual leader of the prospective institution. From that moment Goldberg abandoned his dutiful plans of self-interest and gave himself over to the establishment and growth of the Brooklyn Jewish Center.

Few men in the service of communal effort received such unstinted praise as Goldberg. For what he did with so much heart and wisdom he gained both the respect and affection of all who knew him, and more so of all who worked with him.

Joseph Goldberg, the man who always wanted to go forward, has now himself gone forward. And his memory will be honored best by the continued advance and greater growth of the institution to which he gave his years, and which he loved so well.

—LOUIS J. GRIBETZ,
for the Editorial Board of the *Review*.

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The Hidden Dimension of Anti-Semitism

ON SUNDAY, March 1st, the fourteenth day of Adar, we will celebrate the joyous festival of Purim, the Day of Lots; highlighting it will be the reading of the Megillah of Esther in the Synagogue and in the home. Through this celebration, Jews of all free lands will relive its deliverance from the hands of Haman and take renewed faith in its ability to outlive the Hamans of other times.

The words of Haman to King Ahasuerus quoted in the Megillah is the classic summation of the accusations hurled against the Jew down through the ages: "There is a certain people, scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not for the king's profit to tolerate them." The Modern Hamans of the Nazi or Communist schools of thought have not discovered any different or novel reasons for their hatred and persecution of the Jews. Theirs is just a repetition of Haman's reasons, albeit in modern guise: the Jew is different and attracts attention, he is a cosmopolite and disloyal, parasitic and an irritant in the body politic.

Both Jews and non-Jews have been deceived into believing, doubtless because of centuries of repetition, that these are the true reasons and possibly the root causes of anti-Semitism; remove the differences—religious and cultural—between the Jew and his neighbors, they argue, have him demonstrate at every possible opportunity his loyalty, emphasize his great contributions to the State and to the welfare of its people, then in a great

measure the intensity of this hatred will be lessened.

These reasons for hatred of the Jew are

JUDGE GREENBERG'S 10 YEARS' DEVOTED SERVICE

AFTER serving ten years as the president of our Brooklyn Jewish Center, Judge Emanuel Greenberg now relinquishes this high office to his successor, Dr. Moses Spatt. The *Review* expresses the sentiments of the entire Center membership when it says to Judge Greenberg that the Center will ever remain indebted to him for the devoted, faithful and able service he has rendered to our institution in all these years. He has maintained throughout his entire administration the high standards of leadership which we have enjoyed in all the years of our institution's existence. His friendliness, his tact, his good judgment in dealing with the many problems that faced our Center, have won for him the esteem and admiration of all men and

but transparent rationalizations, as we have so tragically discovered during the Nazi regime, and now in Soviet Russia.

The Sages of the Talmud, however, in
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women of our Center family. We know that though he no longer is the president, he will continue to serve us with all his heart, and that he will always be at the side of our new president, ready and willing to help him in every possible way.

In welcoming his successor, Dr. Moses Spatt, who has already rendered so much valuable service to our Center, we extend to him our heartiest congratulations and good wishes. We are confident that he too will carry on the fine traditions of lofty leadership with which our Center has always been blessed, and which won for our institution the recognition of leaders in Jewish religious life throughout the land.

—DR. ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL.

RABBI LEVINTHAL AT SIXTY-FIVE

ON FEBRUARY 12 Dr. Israel H. Levinthal attained the age of sixty-five. In offering our congratulations on the reaching of this milestone in his life we extend to him best wishes for continued health and happiness.

Our distinguished rabbi occupies a unique place in our religious Jewish life as the master preacher and the skilled interpreter of the Midrash. His typical style of preaching has developed many followers among his colleagues in the profession. As a Visiting Professor in Homiletics at the Jewish Theological Seminary during the past few years he had the

opportunity to acquaint our future rabbis with his idea of a modern sermon rooted in Jewish tradition and the teachings of the old masters.

We of the Brooklyn Jewish Center who have had the good fortune to be closely associated with our beloved and respected spiritual leader have learned to worship and admire him also for his humaneness, his humbleness and his saintliness.

On this occasion we wish for him many more years of fruitful services to our religion and to our people.

—JOSEPH GOLDBERG,
for the Editorial Board.

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"JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES"

"ביןנו לביןנו"

An Intimate Chat Between Rabbi and Reader

The Center's Record of Fine Progress

ANUAL meetings of institutions or congregations are usually of routine character. That could not be said of the last annual meeting of our Brooklyn Jewish Center which took place on January 29th. Seldom have I seen such eager attention as marked the faces of the men and women who filled our large auditorium to capacity. They listened raptly to the report and message of the president, Judge Greenberg, to the other reports presented and to the induction address of the new president, Dr. Spatt. They seemed to feel the joy of our institution's accomplishments, the pride in the fact that after 34 years existence it still possesses the spirit of youth in its enthusiasm to maintain its high prestige in the life of American Jewry.

In my brief address to the members, I pointed to the fact that in the case of the average congregation throughout the land one can notice a characteristic cycle—they all start their existence with enthusiasm and with great hopes; they continue to grow for a number of years, and then the growth stops; the glow of enthusiasm disappears, and they either start on a road of decline or, at best, remain in a stagnant condition.

What is unique about our Center is the fact that we have retained the fire of enthusiasm. We have not been content with past accomplishments alone; we have always aspired—and do aspire now—to greater achievements. We always seemed to hear God's voice speaking to us as the Rabbis say, He spoke to Jacob when the patriarch saw the vision of the ladder that reached unto heaven: "If thou wilt ascend thou wilt never go downwards!" To us it is a continuous ascent on the heavenly ladder of service to our faith and our people."

The members were most appreciative of the service rendered by our lay leaders. But they realized, too, that leaders are

helpless in their tasks without the complete cooperation of the individual members. Leaders must have an army to lead, an army ready to follow. And as these men and women sat enthralled at the record of accomplishments in the past years, one could sense and feel the determination of everyone present to dedicate himself anew to the glorious work which our Center has yet to do.

I sincerely hope that this feeling will animate all our members—those who

were not privileged to be with us at the Annual Meeting as well as those who were. Our new president, Dr. Spatt, and his fellow officers have a heavy task before them. They have many plans which they desire to carry to fulfillment and which will enlarge our sphere of usefulness; they are ready and willing to work. All that they ask is the fullest interest and cooperation of the membership. Having that, they know—they are confident—that they will succeed to make our beloved institution a tower of strength and a source of blessedness to Jewish life in our community and throughout the land.

Israel H. Peruthal

TOURING IN ISRAEL

BETTER facilities and lower prices are being offered to tourists visiting Israel during 1953. With the recently introduced reduction of the official tourist rate of exchange (from \$1.40 to \$1.00 per pound) and the stabilization of hotel rates until October 1953, the cost of traveling in Israel will compare favorably with that in European countries. Moreover, the introduction of tourist rates for flights between Europe and Israel, beginning April 1, 1953, will further reduce the over-all expense of a trip to the Holy Land. With these new rates, an air trip from New York to Israel and back, including a fully paid two weeks sojourn in Israel, will become available for about \$1,000.

For the first time, visitors to Israel will be able to tour the country in modern, air-conditioned sight-seeing buses. A one-day tour covering 125 miles will cost \$4 to \$5.

Additional privileges for tourists are offered through the "STI" (Service for Tourists in Israel) program which provides for discounts and other concessions

"JOURNEY INTO TRAGEDY"

Because this issue of the REVIEW is devoted mainly to a record of the Brooklyn Jewish Center's activities of 1952, the concluding part of "Journey Into Tragedy," has been postponed until next month.

for the tourist who purchases "STI" letters of credit. They serve both as currency and ration coupons, giving their holder the following benefits.

- (1) Preferred treatment in booking reservations in the better-class hotels.
- (2) Non-austerity meals, which are otherwise unobtainable in Israel.
- (3) 15% reduction on purchases of gifts, souvenirs and many other items.
- (4) Preferred treatment when booking seats in sight-seeing buses.

The all-inclusive cost of a two-week vacation in Israel should amount to \$200 to \$250. A one-week visit would come to about \$140.

The shortages in first class accommodations have been alleviated, though there is still plenty of scope for investment in new hotels. There are, at present, 1,500 rooms available in 49 first class hotels. An additional 14 hotels with 1,000 rooms are under construction so that, by the end of this year, there will be a total of 2,500 first class hotel rooms. This will still leave some congestion during the height of the travel seasons in spring and fall, according to estimates based on the experience of last year, when some 36,000 tourists (not including transit travelers and one-day visitors) came to Israel.

Israel is serviced by a great number of shipping and air lines throughout the year. These have proved adequate to

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"THE GREATEST BEQUEST TO ISRAEL"

By RABBI HERBERT PARZEN

AS THE wise and imaginative Professor Solomon Schechter surveyed the Jewish community in this country, immediately after he assumed the presidency of the Seminary, in 1902, he quickly concluded that religious conservatism can only make a proper impress on Jewish life by organizing its resources. He realized that a religious, like any social, movement, without organization, is inconceivable. Consequently, he proceeded to persuade his collaborators that wisdom and practical need require the official and formal unification of the forces rallied about the Seminary. By 1909, the persuasion process was complete.

Dr. Cyrus Adler, who eventually served as president of the Seminary as well as of the United Synagogue, is authority for this statement: "He (Dr. Schechter) had discussed this union with his friends for a long time. Some of them, I among the number, had doubts as to the wisdom or feasibility of the undertaking. When, in 1909, I finally wrote him of my agreement with his views, he replied, referring to the proposed organization: 'This will be the greatest bequest that I shall leave to American Israel.'"

In the meantime the Alumni Association of the Seminary exerted their influence in favor of organization. Their determined support finally induced Dr. Schechter to issue an official call for a conference to establish a union of the traditional congregations on this continent.

On February 23, 1913, the organizational meeting took place in the old Seminary building. Twenty-two congregations responded to the call. A small group of men, scholars, rabbis and laymen, decided to organize, inspired fully by the Biblical counsel. "And though thy beginning is small yet thy end should greatly increase." Thus the United Synagogue was born.

Two quotations from the preamble of the Constitution must be recorded because of their relevance and import:

The United Synagogue celebrates its fortieth anniversary this month, and the following article outlines the remarkable history of this movement. Rabbi Parzen is the Director of Programs for the United Synagogue and Editor of its "Review."

"Recognizing the need of an organized movement for advancing the cause of Judaism in America and maintaining Jewish tradition in its historical continuity, we hereby establish the United Synagogue of America, with the following ends in view:

"It shall be the aim of the United Synagogue of America, while not endorsing the innovations introduced by any of its constituent bodies, to embrace all elements essentially loyal to traditional Judaism and in sympathy with the purposes outlined above."

In his first annual report as president of the United Synagogue, Dr. Adler expressed this opinion: "I have not the slightest doubt but that in the course of ten or twenty years, at most, the ideas which lie at the basis of our movement will be the most prevalent among the Jews of America and that this institution, if it is well and properly managed, can become the most influential of all our organizations for the development of Judaism on the American continent."

Four decades have passed. While celebrating the fortieth anniversary of its founding the pertinent question may be asked, has the United Synagogue fulfilled the hopes of its founders? Hardly. Human hopes seldom mature fully. Moreover, a hope realized creates newly envisioned dreams. But it is important to recognize that it is on the right road,



Dr. Solomon Schechter

that despite all the difficulties that confronted it, it has won a distinctive and unrivalled position in the community.

Forty years is a brief span even in the history of American Jewry. Yet during this period we have become the most significant religious movement in modern times dedicated to conserve and to enhance the Jewish tradition—in spite of the psychological, intellectual and social obstacles that beset and entangled our career—a task essential for the welfare of Jewry as for America.

The handicaps were both internal and external. On one side we were faced by Reform Judaism, triumphant in the community because of its sweeping solutions of Jewish problems by surrendering to the prevailing social climate and because of its minimal program of Jewish living. On the other, we met with the complacent doldrums of the east-European ghetto, unwilling and unable to consider the American environment and trying to perpetuate local customs and habits under the guise of tradition. We, therefore, had to oppose Reform by teaching the totality of Judaism, by insisting that Jewish tradition is authoritative and binding and by proposing a maximal program of Jewish living. We had to teach, simultaneously, that the English sermon, decorum at religious worship, methodic instruction in our Hebrew schools and secular education are not anti-traditional. It is not so very long ago that these were

controversial issues of the first rank. The Conservative movement, whether our friends on either side admit it or not, is responsible for the change of heart and attitude in both opposing camps towards the Jewish tradition.

The external pressures and challenges are of course ever present. They are serious; they must be met or Jewish life in America is doomed. And they must be faced. They refuse to be ignored. Ignoring themselves nothing; they simply overwhelm. Nor is surrender the answer. We propose to adjust and to adapt them to our needs; we seek to interpret Judaism so that a functional harmony shall prevail. We refuse to accept every fad or fashion in modern thought. What is vital and permanent, we believe, Judaism can absorb; what is inimical and temporal we cast aside.

Because of this approach and despite the inherent difficulties the progress of our Movement has been phenomenal. Today we have 425 congregations in every section of the United States and Canada, with one mutual goal—to create a vital, religious and cultural Jewish community. We have associated with us the National Women's League with over 500 sisterhoods striving successfully to endow the Jewish home with spiritual color and religious beauty, and to make the Synagogue significant in Jewish family living; the National Federation of Men's Clubs with 150 groups, training Jewish men to understand Jewish responsibility with proper perspective; the Young People's League, an ardent body of young men and women dedicated to make the Synagogue central in their lives and in that of the community; United Synagogue Youth, an association of teenagers, a little over a year young but already a dynamic force in our religious life; the Cantors Assembly, a body of learned, disciplined and well trained men in whose hands the dignity of the *sheliakh tzibbur* is assured; the Synagogue Administrators, earnestly seeking to help our congregations to manage their affairs effectively; and the Educators Assembly, a union of Jewish educators with a religious philosophy, ready and eager to help our congregational school systems attain their goals of educating our youth in Judaism. There are, too, departments and commissions established to aid our congregations to become

significant spiritual agencies in the Jewish community and in our country.

The story of this development needs to be told in every community and the fortieth anniversary of this movement is a good time to tell it. The Executive Council of the United Synagogue called on congregations affiliated with the United Synagogue to celebrate the occasion festively, and with dignity, and our congregations responded: the Sabbath Services of February 20-21, will be dedicated to educating our people in the ideals and purposes of the Conservative Movement. A noteworthy message by Mr. Maxwell Abbell, our president, will be read from the pulpits of our synagogues. Many Conservative congregations will hold special commemorative services on Sunday evening, February 22, followed by congregational dinners. A suggested program for these events was distributed by the national office. The Anniversary Kit helped every organization in our synagogues to celebrate this event memorably.

As a matter of fact the anniversary merited a celebration not only by Conservative synagogues, but by the entire Jewish community. For it represented truly a *Simkha Shel Mitzvah* for all, a joyous experience engendered by dedication to sacred tasks.

We believe that Conservative Judaism has influenced beneficently every segment of the community, has helped to shape its vital and creative forces in this way:

§Conservative Judaism seeks to conserve and to enhance the Jewish Tradition as historically conceived, acknowledging the authority of Torah.

§Conservative Judaism has stimulated and developed Jewish education in all its aspects in order to transmit and to enrich our historic heritage.

§Conservative Judaism, from the very beginning, has emphasized the inherent kinship of K'lal Yisrael, the peoplehood of Israel, and has pleaded without success the cause of Zion Restored.

§Conservative Judaism has served as the conciliatory force in the Jewish community.

§Conservative Judaism has embraced and sanctified every creative aspect of Jewish life.

§Conservative Judaism is seeking to harmonize the Jewish heritage with American democracy, without surrender-

ing the historical continuity of the Jewish Tradition.

§Conservative Judaism has found its organizational expression in the United Synagogue, the Rabbinical Assembly, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, and their constituent organizations.

In the realization of these overall objectives, the United Synagogue is presently embarked upon three major enterprises:

§Its National Sabbath Observance Effort, which aims to bring back the glories of the Sabbath into modern Jewish living.

§Its Israel Relations Project—to establish a cultural center in Israel; to assist in the building of synagogues; and to create instruments for intercultural exchange.

§Its National Leadership Program—to foster and develop new lay leadership for the Synagogue and to assure the Synagogue its proper place in the Jewish community.

Behind these accomplishments stand men, men of faith and vision, who labored with utmost devotion and wisdom to make the content of Judaism emotionally and spiritually and intellectually satisfying, and to build institutions embodying that spirit and soul and mind. Solomon Schechter and Cyrus Adler, Louis Ginzberg and Israel Friedlaender, Alexander Marx and Mordecai M. Kaplan, and a host of the early pioneering Conservative rabbis were inspired personalities. Though they disagreed on questions of theology and in methods to preserve the Jewish Tradition and to enhance it on this continent, they were united in their faithful determination and devotion to conserve that tradition and to assure its future in the New World. They worked, each in his own field and in accordance with his own talent, to plant the seeds of Jewish learning here, to develop a program of Jewish education for the youth, to persuade American Jews to learn to live maximal Jewish lives on the American scene, to interpret Judaism and Americanism so as to make clear their essential and inherent harmony, and to consider fellow-Jews wherever domiciled as brethren, as comprising one peoplehood. In sum, these teachers and scholars and their disciples created for us the instruments that make possible the development of Judaism as an evolving religious civilization. We alone can make it probable, positive.

1952 REPORT ON THE CENTER

Delivered at the Annual Meeting Held on January 29, 1953

By EMANUEL GREENBERG, President

ON JANUARY 28, 1943, ten years ago almost to the day, I was honored by the membership of the Brooklyn Jewish Center with the election to the Presidency of this institution, succeeding Mr. Joseph M. Schwartz, of blessed memory. Now that I am about to relinquish this leadership, it is well that we pause to review what has transpired during this period, its impact on the Center and the progress we have made.

In doing this I am not activated by a spirit of vain glory. I am impelled by the desire to make a self-searching analysis of our accomplishments in order to determine whether the Center has lived up to its tradition and the ideals of those who conceived and planned that unique institution in American Jewish life—the Synagogue Center.

We have always stressed that all activities evolve around the synagogue; not a synagogue that functions one day a week, but which serves day in and day out, throughout the year, to inculcate the spirit of our faith among the members of the community. From the day this edifice was completed, December 31, 1922, and before that, while the building was in process of construction, we tried to implant in our people that spirit of love for Judaism and all that it means. The ideals to which this institution was dedicated were faithfully fulfilled, and to these ideals we pledge ourselves anew.

Civilian Defense — World War II

Ten years ago our country was involved in a bloody and a global conflict known to history as World War II. We and our allies were arrayed against the forces of tyranny that threatened to destroy our democratic way of life and the precious liberties to which we had become accustomed. The outcome of the struggle was as yet uncertain, although we had every reason to believe that we would ultimately triumph. We had to gear ourselves to a war psychology and to be prepared for any and all sacrifices—in blood, sweat and tears, if necessary—

to bring about the successful termination of the world conflagration.

Hundreds of our sons and daughters were found on every battlefield, in Europe, in the Far East and in the Middle East. Many of our boys made the supreme sacrifice and their names were inscribed on a special Memorial Tablet erected in our Synagogue so that they might forever be remembered by us for blessing.

Here at home our Civilian Defense Department enlisted the cooperation of hundreds of men and women in the community who gave of their time and energy to help the war effort.

We lived to see the victorious end of the conflict, the return of our loved ones and their gradual readjustment to civilian life. Little did we realize then that within but a few years we would again be in the throes of conflict, a "cold war," a war that saps the vitality of every nation and gives them no opportunity to settle back to normal, peaceful living. We now realize that the defeat of Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito was not enough. Mankind is now disturbed by another menace—the menace of the men in the Kremlin and their poisonous Communist propaganda. The lust for world domination has not ended. History holds no lesson for Stalin and those around him.

Once again our men are donning their uniforms. Once again we scan with trembling fear the lists of casualties in far-off Korea and wonder what the future has in store for us.

Despite the feverish preparations for defense and the billions spent on weapons of destruction and annihilation, we cling to the vision of our prophets and prayerfully hope that we may realize the dream of a world where justice and peace shall prevail.

Establishment of the State of Israel

During the period under review we witnessed a miracle of the ages—the rebirth of our ancient Jewish homeland, the establishment of the State of Israel.

Our institution has, from its very in-

ception, supported wholeheartedly the Zionist cause and given moral and financial aid to make its realization possible. Our responsibility towards the infant state, however, does not end there. Israel will continue to be in need of our help in the political as well as economic fields. Surrounded as the state is by six enemy Arab countries, whose leaders are openly agitating for "a second round," a war of revenge, it makes the future existence of Israel one that must be the concern of all of us. We cannot abandon Israel to the mercy of the Arab chauvenists but must use the power and influence of American Jewry to bring about the peaceful relationship between the Jews and their Arab neighbors. We must at the same time do whatever is in our power to make the new State economically strong and self-supporting. Far from having completed our task, we shall have to go on with our help until such time as our aid and assistance are no longer required.

Hebrew Educational Activities

Since the Jewish education of our children has been our chief concern, you will be interested in the comparative figures of the registration in our Hebrew Educational Department during the past ten years. The attendance of children at the various schools in 1942 and 1952 were as follows:

	1942	1952
Afternoon Hebrew School	117	372
Religious Sunday School and High School Department	170	249
Center Academy	120	125
	407	746

Such an increase in registration naturally provides many problems, primarily the problem of space to accommodate the larger enrollment.

This brought about the decision to initiate a fund-raising campaign to erect an Educational Institute that would house all our schools and provide other much-needed facilities. The campaign

goal was \$250,000, although we soon realized that with continually mounting costs the ultimate required figure would be close to \$600,000, or even \$700,000.

Despite a great deal of effort in this campaign, the response was disappointing. In the meantime we faced world-shattering events. There were lives to be saved—the remnants of our brothers who miraculously escaped the bestiality of the Nazis. We felt that we ought to divert every effort, every dollar that could be raised, to the more immediate and urgent task that confronted our people. Time and time again we deferred our own campaigns for the Educational Institute and gave way to the life-saving work of the United Jewish Appeal.

We did, however, purchase four buildings on Lincoln Place, to the rear of the Center, and remodeled three of these houses for use as class-rooms to relieve part of the congestion. The fourth building will also be remodeled as soon as it becomes available. It is not the ideal solution to the problem, only a stop gap, but it is the best under the present circumstances. It is my hope that further improvements will be made in the near future so that our schools may have adequate facilities.

Membership Growth

Ten years ago the membership of the Center numbered 1014 (733 married and 281 single). In the decade that followed we witnessed an almost continuous increase. This extraordinary growth brought about the suggestion that we place a limitation on the number of members to be enrolled. Most of us, however, felt that we had no moral right to deny the privilege of membership to anyone who was eligible to join a religious and cultural Jewish institution. In the last few years we witnessed a reduction in the size of our membership, which was not entirely unexpected and which I foresaw and mentioned in my annual reports dealing with this subject. The lack of new apartments in our immediate community and the tendency to move to Long Island and other neighborhoods had their effect on the membership of the institution. As of December 31st, 1952, the Center numbered 2,125 members (1,391 married and 734 single). This is still a considerable increase over

1942. I feel, however, that a concerted effort should be made by the incoming administration to reduce the number of resignations and increase the enrollments. We still have a sizable community to draw from and it is the duty of every member to enroll his friends and neighbors.

Financial Progress

The campaign to liquidate our first mortgage, came to a successful conclusion during my first year in office when we raised the balance then due on the mortgage. The next task was to reduce the indebtedness to the banks. This was accomplished during the following year. After twenty-five years of financial struggle we finally achieved our aim of a debt-free institution. This was real cause for rejoicing, but because of the war the combined celebration of the clearing of our debts and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Center was deferred to a more opportune time. At the conclusion of the war, a three-day celebration was arranged, beginning with a special Late Friday evening service, continuing at the Sabbath morning service and culminating in a memorable dinner on April 17, 1946, attended by 1,176 members. The Jubilee Book, containing the history of the institution and relevant articles, was issued on that occasion and it is a most inspiring publication.

Building Improvements

As a result of the elimination of interest payments on debts, the larger income from membership dues and increased income from other departments the financial condition of the Center thereupon showed marked progress.

We managed to accumulate a reserve fund to be used for building improvements or extraordinary needs. Badly needed repairs and improvements, deferred through lack of funds and because of the war, were then approved by the Board of Trustees and our facilities were expanded and put into excellent condition. We expanded our activities and initiated new ones. The problem of air-conditioning the building was discussed over a period of years, and finally decided that in these days, air-conditioning is no longer a luxury but a necessary

improvement. Last year we awarded the contract for the installation of air-conditioning in the auditorium, lounge and dining room. The installation was completed in time for the High Holy Days and it provided real comfort for the worshippers attending our overflow service. We have used the air-conditioning units ever since, whenever it was felt necessary, but its real usefulness will be realized during the warm and hot weather.

We have recently exercised our option and awarded the contract for the air-conditioning of other portions of the building, namely the synagogue, prayer room and both social rooms. This work is now under way and should be completed in the spring of this year.

Another urgent improvement in the building will be the replacement of the stained glass windows. The condition of these windows is such that it is imperative that new frames be ordered and installed as soon as possible. That work should begin within the next few months.

Cultural Activities

For years we felt that our musical activities were far from satisfactory. With the engagement of a music director we sponsored the organization of the Brooklyn Jewish Center Choral Ensemble, consisting of sixty male and female voices. Their performances were enjoyed at membership social meetings, Sisterhood and Young Folks League functions, at Late Friday services and other occasions. Last year we inaugurated the "Jewish Music Festival," an evening devoted to Jewish music, with the participation of the Center Choral Ensemble, our Cantor and other soloists under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda, our Music Director. The success of the first venture was so great that the Social Committee is now planning to make this an annual event. Heretofore we engaged a choir only for the High Holy Days. Several years ago we organized a Choral Group that has become part of our services every Sabbath morning and on all Holidays. These important improvements helped considerably to make the services in our Synagogue more beautiful and inspiring.

We were also enabled to expand our cultural activities, particularly in the Jewish field. It is a known fact that a Jewish educational program cannot be

maintained successfully without deficits. The Center was called upon to underwrite these costs and so our schools have functioned uninterruptedly without financial worry.

Balancing the Budget

We are now entering a new cycle in the institution's finances. The income from membership dues, which is the largest single item of revenue, has begun to decline. Similarly, the receipts from other sources are continually decreasing. Salaries and maintenance expenses, however, are continually mounting. For the first time in years we are faced with a substantial deficit in operations.

In my last year's Annual Report I stressed in detail the conclusions arrived at by a Special Committee on Finance, which was headed by Mr. David Spiegel. The committee was charged with the task of making a survey of the finances of the Center and to recommend means of balancing the budget. I shall not repeat the conclusions of this committee except to state that it considered the following suggestions as means to reduce the anticipated deficits: (a) an increase in membership dues and, (b) the curtailment of some of our activities.

Both of these suggestions were turned down as impractical and inadvisable. The committee, instead, felt that a concerted effort should be made to increase the income to meet the expenses of the Center. One of its recommendations was to conduct an energetic campaign to enlarge the number of sustaining members. These members, as you may know, voluntarily agree to pay a higher rate of membership dues, namely \$100 or more for married members and \$50 or more for single members. In this way, it was felt, those blessed with larger incomes would contribute a larger amount than the minimum dues in order to help maintain the institution. The campaign met with some success but it did not bring the desired results. Additional sources of income will have to be devised to balance the budget in the years to come, and that matter is under study and consideration at the present time.

General Activities

I feel that it would be imposing on your good nature were I to stress in greater detail the progress made in every

department functioning in the Center. Merely for the record, therefore, I shall refer briefly to some of our activities.

1. Religious Department

Services on the Sabbath and Holidays, as well as daily, have been very well attended. Our Late Friday Night Services have been embellished with our Center Choral Group and Choral Ensemble of about 70 male and female voices. They were beautiful and attracted large congregations.

The Junior Congregation conducted its services in the Prayer Room on Saturdays and holidays, and a Children's Congregation, organized a few years ago for boys and girls under ten years of age, has been functioning and growing in popularity.

2. Educational Activities

I have already mentioned the progress made by our various schools catering to the needs of our children.

The Institute of Jewish Studies for Adults has a twenty-year history, during which it provided Jewish knowledge to thousands of men and women attending the various courses in Jewish history, Bible, Religion, Talmud and the Hebrew language.

The library is well equipped with thousands of volumes in Hebrew, English and Yiddish. During "Book Month" the committee arranged a special evening devoted to the Jewish book, coupled with an exhibit at which were displayed a number of rare and interesting volumes of Jewish interest.

Our publications include the weekly *Bulletin* of the Center, the Annual Center Diary and the Brooklyn Jewish Center REVIEW, which has become the best known publication of its kind in the United States. The REVIEW is much in demand by communal leaders throughout the country who read it both for the enjoyment of its interesting articles and stories and to acquaint themselves with the activities of our Center, which are frequently used as models for other institutions. This March the REVIEW will reach its twentieth anniversary. We are very proud of its fine record.

The Forum of the Center was one of the first activities inaugurated by our institution. During these many years it has created for itself a reputation as one of the outstanding platforms for the discussion of general and Jewish subjects

by leading men and women in public life.

3. Promoting Sociability

Our monthly social gatherings have been of real value in helping to acquaint the members with one another and to bring them together for an evening of entertainment and sociability.

4. Physical Education Department

The popularity of the Physical Education Department is attested by the fact that the attendance during the past year was 33,485 men, women and children.

5. Auxiliary Groups

If time permitted it would be most interesting to include a detailed report of the many activities conducted by our Sisterhood, which is headed by Mrs. Frank Schaeffer. It is doing splendid work, deserving of our sincere thanks.

Equally successful were the activities of the Young Folks League and the Mr. and Mrs. Club (formerly the Young Married Group), the Junior League and the Junior Clubs sponsored by the Center for children of all ages. All these groups pursue a cultural, special and recreational program.

Community Activities

During the year, the Center participated in various campaigns to assist worthy Jewish and non-Jewish causes. The four outstanding campaigns were:

The United Jewish Appeal, for which we raised close to \$1,200,000 contributed, by some 1,671 individuals.

The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, which thus far has netted about \$350,000.

Through our efforts we have sold upwards of \$100,000 worth of Israeli Bonds.

The campaign on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary netted the sum of \$30,000.

In Gratitude

Throughout my administration I had the good fortune to receive loyal cooperation from all my co-workers, who helped me carry the responsibility of leadership. I am greatly indebted to all of them. My first thanks go to my fellow-officers, Dr. Moses Spatt, First Vice-President, Maurice Bernhardt, Second Vice-President, Frank Schaeffer, Treasurer, and Harry Blickstein, Secretary.

I am equally grateful for the help

given to me and to the institution by the members of the Board of Trustees and the Governing Board, the Chairmen and members of all the Committees, as well as the officers and members of our Sisterhood, and all the other clubs and groups in our Center.

By coincidence, today marks the 65th birthday, according to the Hebrew calendar, of our esteemed and beloved spiritual leader, Dr. Israel H. Levinthal. By the calendar of our country, his birthday will occur on February 12th, which is also the birthday of our great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, so many of whose characteristics can be traced in the personality of our own, great rabbi. In offering to him my sincere thanks for his valuable aid, I want to extend to him your and my felicitations, together with our earnest prayers that he may celebrate many happy returns of the day and be blessed with full health and strength.

Dr. Benjamin Kreitman became affiliated with our institution last September as Associate Rabbi, succeeding Rabbi Saltzman. He tackled his responsibilities with energy and earnestness, and we look forward to a happy association.

Rabbi Mordecai Lewittes, our Associate Rabbi in charge of the Hebrew Schools, is deserving of our gratitude for his assistance in many activities, but particularly for the progress made by the Hebrew Department.

No words of mine can adequately express my gratitude to our friend and Administrative Director, Joseph Goldberg, who has, during the past year, been ill. He has always been of the greatest help to our Center and to me. The success that we have had in our activities at the Center is due in a great measure to his wisdom, foresight and energy. He has, at all times—even during this year, when he was ill—given unstintingly of himself, so that our Center and all its work continued to make progress and to serve its members and the community.

From the bottom of my heart,—and I know you all join me—I wish him a speedy recovery.

My sincere thanks go to Rabbi Jacob S. Donor, for his fine service to the Center in conducting the Saturday class in Talmud, and to our Librarian, Dr. Elias Rabinowitz, to our Cantor, Rev. William Sauler, to Mr. Sholom Secunda, the Music Director, Rev. Meyer Rogoff, our Sexton, to Mr. Harold Hammer, the Administrative Assistant, whose respon-

sibilities were greatly augmented during Mr. Goldberg's absence because of illness, to Mrs. Anna S. Lesser, the principal of the Center Academy and to Mrs. Irene Bush Steinboch, the head of the Academy Hebrew Department.

I am about to turn over the mantle of leadership to my good friend, Dr. Moses Spatt, I want to assure him of my wholehearted support and readiness to serve whenever he may feel that I can be of some help to him and to the Brooklyn Jewish Center. From the depths of my heart I wish him and his administration a full measure of success so that the institution may grow from strength to strength in the years ahead. We have erected here a Center of light that should illumine the life of the Jewish community and imbue our people with the spirit of our religion, our ethics and our way of life.

I am now taking my place as a soldier in our membership ranks, grateful beyond words for the opportunity you have given me to serve you and this great institution that has become part of my very life. The Center has given me more than I have given it. The Center has offered me the opportunity to serve my God, my religion, my people. For all that I shall be eternally grateful.

THE HIDDEN DIMENSION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

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their unusual grasp of the workings of the human mind, recognized the root of anti-Semitism. They traced the ideological and spiritual lineage of Haman to that heartless bedouin tribe, the Amalekites, who attacked the weak and faint children of Israel after they had miraculously escaped from the hands of Pharaoh and his hosts, and enjoined the reading of this section of the Torah on the Sabbath preceding Purim. Obviously the Jews were not attacked by the Amalekites because they were different or disloyal or rootless vagabonds. "Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt, how he attacked you on the way, when you were faint and weary and cut off at your rear all who lagged behind you and he did not fear God." *Lo Yoreh Elohim—he did not fear God*, that is the root reason of anti-Semitism, the rest is propaganda facade.

The Jew represents to humanity, the

teaching Divine; the image of the Jew is to the world the symbol of the Ten Commandments and the Torah. Hatred of the Divine teaching reduces itself in time into a blind and irrational hatred of the Jew; it is the anti-God in man struggling against the dictates of God. Sociologists, and particularly psychoanalysts, are beginning to recognize and appreciate the spiritual dimension in the phenomenon of anti-Semitism. Recognizing this spiritual aspect of anti-Semitism, humanity will at last understand that every organized assault on the Jew will sooner or later, result in an assault on the human spirit.

It is our prayer at this season of Purim that the Almighty will destroy all these forces who fear Him not and scorn His teaching, and thus bring peace to His people and to all mankind.

—BENJAMIN KREITMAN.

TOURING IN ISRAEL

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cope with the present incoming and outgoing traffic. There is no direct passenger service by ship between the U. S. and Israel, but various European and Israel lines maintain eight to nine regular monthly sailings between European ports and Israel.

SECOND ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 8:30 P.M.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

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**CENTER CHORUS
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Conducted by **SHOLOM SECUNDA
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Noted Young Violinist

Admission free to members and guests on presentation of tickets obtained at Center.

NEWS OF THE CENTER

Rabbi Kreitman to Discuss

"United Synagogue" at Services

This Friday, February 20th, at our Late Friday Night Lecture Services which begin at 8:30 o'clock, Dr. Kreitman will preach on the subject "The Fortieth Anniversary of the United Synagogue—Its Significance for American Jewry." This sermon is on the occasion of forty years of existence of the United Synagogue, which is the over-all organization for the conservative Synagogue of America. The United Synagogue was established by Prof. Solomon Schechter, then President of the Jewish Theological Seminary, in the year 1912. Judge Emanuel Greenberg, former President of the Center and Vice-President of the United Synagogue, will deliver a message concerning the layman's role in the conservative movement. This is a vital theme that should prove of great interest to our members and worshippers. We trust that many members and friends will be with us at these services.

Cantor Sauler will lead in the congregational singing and render a vocal selection.

Advance Notice

Next Friday, February 27th, at our Late Friday Night Lecture Services, Rabbi Edward Horowitz, head of the Hebrew Department in Thomas Jefferson High School, will be the guest preacher and has chosen as his theme "The Influence of Hebrew on the English Language."

Rabbi Albert A. Goldman

Final Lecture Series Speaker

The final lecture of the series on "Problems of Family Relationship," will be held on Monday evening, March 2nd at 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Albert A. Goldman of Temple Emanuel, Yonkers, New York, will speak on the subject, "Relation of the Science of Psychology to Religion."

All are welcome.

Daily Services

Morning services at 7 and 8 o'clock.

Mincha services at 5:20 p.m.

Special Maariv service—7:30 p.m.

(Except Fri., Sat., and Sun.)

ANNUAL MEETING MARKS CENTER'S PROGRESS



JUDGE EMANUEL GREENBERG
Retiring President



DR. MOSES SPATT
New President of the Center

The audience that crowded the large auditorium of our Center was most impressed at the reports presented at the annual meeting of the Brooklyn Jewish Center which was held on Thursday evening, January 29th. After a brief and impressive service memorializing the members who departed this life during this past year, which was conducted by Rabbi Kreitman assisted by Cantor Sauler, the retiring President, Judge Emanuel Greenberg presented his annual message and report which the reader will find published in full in this issue of our REVIEW. The audience rose to applaud their appreciation of the ten years of valiant service rendered to this institution by Judge Greenberg. A number of amendments to the Constitution dealing with important matters were unanimously passed. Mr. Samuel Rottenberg, Chairman of the Nominating Committee,

then presented the slate of officers, trustees and directors who are to serve for the coming year and Mr. Rottenberg, Honorary President and first President of this institution formally installed the newly-elected President, Dr. Moses Spatt. Dr. Spatt, in accepting the office, delivered a very fine address in which he pledged his wholehearted activity in leading our institution along the high ideals of Jewish life and teaching which the Center has always maintained. Rabbi Levinthal followed with the formal installation of all the other officers, trustees and Board of Governors, after which he delivered an impressive address telling of the role which the Center has played in the thirty-four years of its existence and urged the membership to go ever forward and continue in this rate of progress. A musical program followed which the entire membership enjoyed.

Sabbath Services

Friday evening services at 5:15 p.m.

Kindling of Candles at 5:16 p.m.

Sabbath Services commence 8:30 a.m.

Sidra, or portion of the Torah: "Terumah" Exodus 25.1-27.19.

Haphtorah Reading: Prophets—I Kings 5.26-6.13.

Rabbi Kreitman will preach on the weekly portion of the Torah.

Cantor Sauler will officiate together with the Center Choral Group under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda.

The class in Talmud under the leadership of Rabbi Jacob S. Doner will begin at 3:45 p.m.

Rabbi Bernard Oklan will deliver the lecture in Yiddish at 4:45 p.m.

Mincha services at 5:15 p.m.

THE YOUNGER MEMBERSHIP

OUR young Folks Leaguers are eagerly looking forward to Saturday evening, April 18th, the night of our Annual Spring Cotillion. The main ballroom will be set up in night club style; floral arrangements will grace the tables. Formal and informal attire will prevail as our members dance to the tunes of a popular orchestra. Collation and cocktails will be served as we do honor to the Officers and Executive Board who have guided us during the past year. Truly a Gala Night on your YFL Calendar. Members are urged to make early reservations. Rhoda Soicher, Chairman; Phyllis Newman, Janice Nathanson, Joan Karr, Paul Kotik, Herb Levine, Sid Zarider, Co-chairmen.

February saw the introduction of YFL Row at Saturday morning services in the main Synagogue. Several rows are now reserved every Saturday for the men and women of YFL and their friends so that they may enjoy our services together. Our members are urged to attend. Morris Hecht and Joel Sugar, chairmen.

During February we continue our emphasis on participation in Jewish Center Activities. Our members are urged to use the Jewish Music Month program on Thursday, February 26th, as the means for introducing the Center to their parents.

Our Nominations Committee held its first meeting this month to draw up the slate for the April 28 Elections. Marvin Bernstein, Sonia Sklar and Morris Traub were appointed to this Committee from the general membership, and Paul Kotik, Herb Levine and Elmer Riffman were elected to it from the Executive Board. This Committee will hold an open meeting in March at which members will be able to present themselves or their candidates for consideration.

Harold Kalb, our First Vice-President, has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the UJA Junior Division.

Programs in Prospect

Tuesday, February 24—We will present "Oneg Comes to the YFL," as our contribution to Jewish Music Month.

Our members will be seated around tables in our usual Oneg Shabbat setting. The Entertainment Committee will offer "The Jewish Week in Song." The highlight of the program will be the audience participation in our singing of Friday night Oneg Shabbat music under the direction of Naftali Frankel.

Tuesday, March 3—In serious observance of the Purim theme, we present a discussion of "Haman, Hitler and Stalin."

Tuesday, March 10—The second in our Lecture Series on "New Trends in Judaism," will present Rabbi Harold Weisberg, speaking on "Judaism: The Reconstructionist View."

Tuesday, March 17—Gala UJA Cabaret Night. There'll be dancing to Murray Baum's orchestra from 8:30 p.m.

The Celebration of Purim

PURIM occurs on the 14th day of Adar, Sunday, March 1. The Megillah (Scroll of Esther) is read in the Synagogue at the evening and morning service of Purim (Feb. 28th and Mar. 1st). It is the custom to use noisemakers (*baman-klopper* or *gragger*) during this service. Every time Haman's name is mentioned, the children use the *graggers* in order to drown out mention of his name.

Library

Our library is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2-9 p.m., and Sun., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Members are urged to make use of this department.

Register Your Child Now For Kindergarten and First Year

There are a few vacancies available in the Kindergarten and First Grade. Come to the Center Academy office, 3rd floor, Brooklyn Jewish Center and fill out an application.

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on, and members will be given the opportunity to help support this worthy cause.

Tuesday, March 24—Model Seder Night.

Interest Groups

Bowling Group—meets every Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Kings Bowling Alley. Elmer Riffman, chairman.

Bridge Group—meets Thursday, March 5th and 19th, at 8 p.m. Sid Zarider, chairman.

Ice Skating Group—meets every Sunday, 8:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Ice Palace. H. Martin Rubin and Sid Spatz, chairmen.

Music Interest Group—meets Thursday evening, March 12th, at 8:30 p.m. Harriet Bell, chairman.

'Oneg Shabbat—follows the late Friday evening services every week. Roz Zambrowsky and Dave Yawitz, chairmen.

A three-cornered Purim delicacy known as *bamantash* is, according to custom, eaten on Purim. The *bamantash*, a German word meaning "Haman Pocket," is usually filled with poppy seeds, dates, nuts and raisins. *Schalach monos*, gift-giving and special remembrance of the poor, is customary on Purim. On an occasion of joy it is natural we should want to share our happiness with others. Hence, *schalach monos*. The carnival spirit rules on Purim.

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PAGING SISTERHOOD!

SARAH KLINGHOFFER, Editor

The Fortieth Anniversary of the United Synagogue, the organization that unites all Conservative congregations in America, will be celebrated on February 20-22. When we review the story of the United Synagogue, we of the Sisterhood, together with all Conservative Jewry, rejoice in this celebration because, through our affiliation with the National Women's League, the woman's auxiliary of the United Synagogue, we too are a part of this great and noble movement.

Forty years is a short span in the history of Judaism. Yet, during these forty years the daring and dauntless dreams envisioned by the small company of rabbis and scholars, educators and laymen, have become vital and vivid.

As we survey the progress achieved during these four decades, despite disappointments and heartaches, our Sisterhood too wishes to pay its tribute to the United Synagogue for its constant efforts to perpetuate and strengthen Conservative Judaism in America. We affirm the joy of the Psalmist when he wrote:

*"They that sow in tears
shall reap in joy."*

BEATRICE SCHAEFFER, President.

General Meeting, January 19

Tu B'Shvat delicacies graced our refreshment buffet this month, served in advance of the business session. Marking the tree-planting holiday, an appropriate prayer read by Claire Mitrani and the rendition of the patriotic anthems sung by Ethel Pashenz, with Mollie Markowe at the piano, preceded an active period of reports and announcements, by our President, Bea Schaeffer, and chairmen, covering Chai Club Donors, Torah Luncheon reservations, Serva-Camp, Israel Bonds, Kiddush sponsorships, Sisterhood Friday Night Service and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropic drive.

Sparkling and personable, Mrs. Ruth Mondschein, the one-member cast of an abbreviated version of the Broadway musical hit, "Wish You Were Here," charmed the large audience with her run-

ning dramatization, interspersed with song and dance, of the pleasures and problems of a summer vacation at an adult camp.

Cheer Fund Contributions

In honor of her daughter's marriage—Mrs. Dorothy Miller; In gratitude for her husband's recovery—Mrs. Max Zankel; In memory of the late Michael Bromberg—Mrs. Sarah Klinghoffer, Mrs. Sarah Kushner, Mrs. Lil Lowenfeld, Mrs. Bea Schaeffer; In honor of the birth of a grandchild, Mrs. Samuel Racer.

Federation of Jewish Philanthropies

Mrs. Dorothy Gottlieb, Chairman, reports the sum of \$4,500 received from Sisterhood members to date toward this campaign, and urges all contributors to send their checks NOW, to Mrs. D. Gottlieb, 471 Crown St.

Nominating Committee

Claire Mitrani, Chairman of Nominations, welcomes your recommendations for the Sisterhood Executive Board. Members on her committee include Mesdames Hilda Chinitz, Shirley Gluckstein, Dorothy Gottlieb, Eleanor Horowitz, Margie Lovett and Rose Weiner.

Additional Chai Club Donors

New members enrolled in the Chai Club of the Torah Fund of the Jewish Theological Seminary include Mesdames Max Ballas, James J. Jackman, Henry C. King, and Mrs. Lillian C. Klein. All members of this group are privileged to invite a guest, who is unaffiliated with our Center, to our Torah Luncheon on March 4th. May we include your name on this Honor Roll? Please call Mrs. Mollie Markowe, PR 2-1287.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Levinthal

Sisterhood extends heartiest congratulations to our honored Rabbi, Dr. I. H. Levinthal, on his 65th birthday. May he be blessed with many many years of good health and good deeds, *Maasim Tovim!*

United Jewish Appeal

With the opening of the UJA drive, Chairman Sadie Kurtzman and her co-chairmen, Mollie Meyer and Claire Mitrani, together with the able assistance of our own Lil Lowenfeld, who is UJA co-chairman of the Women's Division of Brooklyn, urge you to take active cognizance of the following dates:

Monday, March 2nd—Brunch at Hotel Pierre for contributors of \$260 and over.

Monday, March 9—Workers' Technique Meeting—10:30 A.M.

Monday, March 23—Brunch at Hotel Plaza for contributors of \$125 and over.

Please call Sadie Kurtzman, SL 6-1796, for reservations.

Publication Gifts

It is not too early for Purim gift thoughts. Call our new Chairman, Mrs. Irene Schiff, PR 4-1479, for your orders of "The Sabbath," "Three Pillars," "K'tonton," "Jewish Home Beautiful," and many other Women's League publications and of Jewish music records.

Interest in Center Youth Groups

Sisterhood subsidized two representatives of the Junior League as delegates to the YPL conclave at Stamford, Conn., in January.

On February 8th, Sisterhood sponsored the Parent-Child Post-Bar Mitzvah and Post-Consecration Breakfast for the Seniors of our Hebrew Schools.

Sisterhood has granted a full scholarship to a deserving student in our Hebrew School.

Sisterhood Friday Night Synagogue Service

Following the annual traditional custom of the Center, our Sisterhood will conduct the late Friday Night Synagogue Service on March 20th. In a symposium on "The Role of the Jewish Woman in Jewish History," the subject will be treated as follows: "The Jewish Woman in Biblical Times," by Mrs. Harry Friedman; "The Jewish Woman in Talmudic Times and in the Middle Ages," by Mrs. Louis Gribetz; "The Jewish Woman in Modern Times," by Mrs. Maurice Boukstein.

Other participants in the service will be Mesdames Nathan Dvorkin, Leo Kaufman, Benjamin Markowe and Jack Serman. An Oneg Shabbat in the Dining Room, with community singing led by Naftali Frankel, Music Instructor of the Center, will conclude the evening. All Center men and women are urged to attend, and bring their friends.

Letters of Thanks

"We have received your gift for the work of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and with it goes our gratitude and hearty thanks." Everett R. Clinchy, President. "Please convey

our sincerest thanks . . . for the Chanukah gifts sent in to our institution for our patients." E. Margolin, Jewish Sanitarium and Hospital for Chronic Diseases. "Happy to learn of the full scholarship granted to one of our students. Please transmit to the Sisterhood my sincere thanks for the interest they have taken in our school." Rabbi M. H. Lewittes, Principal.

Membership Tea

Our sincerest thanks to Mary Kahn, Membership Chairman, and Mabel Berman, who graciously acted as hostess in her lovely home at a tea tendered to new members of the Sisterhood on February 17. An interesting program to stimulate the newcomers to active participation in

Sisterhood projects was provided by our President, Bea Schaeffer, Rabbi Kreitman, Cantor Sauler and Music Instructor, Naftali Frankel.

Citation Award

In accepting an award from the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council on January 19th, our President, Mrs. Schaeffer, pledged continued support of the Council's fine communal efforts.

Calendar of Events

Thurs., Feb. 26—Fourth Lecture of Leadership Course Series, at Temple Petach Tikvah, 12:45 P.M.

Wed., Mar. 4—Torah Luncheon, \$6.11 per person. Program. See announcement on page 2.

Thurs., March 5—Fifth and last Lecture in Leadership Course. At Petach Tikvah, 12:45 P.M.

Thurs., March 9—Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting, 1:00 P.M.

Fri., March 20—Sisterhood Friday Night Service, 8:15. Symposium—"Role of Jewish Women in Jewish History." Participants: Mesdames Harry Friedman, Louis Gribetz and Maurice Boukstein. Readers: Mesdames Nathan Dvorkin, Leo Kaufman, Benjamin Markowe, and Jack Sterman. Oneg Shabbat, community singing.

Mon., March 23—General Sisterhood Meeting, 12:45 P.M. See announcement on page 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Club

For its next meeting on Thursday evening, February 26th, the Mr. and Mrs. Club will present Mrs. Rachel Wischnitzer Bernstein, a well-known authority on Jewish art. She will illustrate her talk with slides. We feel that this meeting will be one of our most successful and request that all Mr. and Mrs. members attend.

Special Notice—Remember our Annual Event—Saturday evening, April 18th. Entertainment—Polgar the Great, and an emcee of nightclub fame! Watch this department for notices! Keep posted!

Junior League

The Junior League celebrated Tu B'Shvat on January 29th. "The House in the Desert" was shown, and it was followed by a discussion of the role of agriculture in modern Israel. Rena Rosenbaum spoke to us on Tu B'Shvat and its traditions and customs.

Our meeting of February 5th was devoted to a Jewish Music Month program. We discussed some famous composers of Jewish origin, and after listening to some of their works, we had a group discussion around the topic, "What Makes Music Jewish?" On February 12th we had a Brotherhood program. We invited a member of the Christian clergy to speak to us on the subject of "Brotherhood—the Ideal and the Reality." A question period followed. We will celebrate Purim on February 26th with a musical parody befitting the Purim story. On

March 5th our usual monthly social will be held and will feature a talent show. Members of our own group will participate. March 12th will highlight a discussion of "Choosing a Career with a Future for Our Times" by a career consultant from the Federation Employment Service.

As is customary, social dancing follows each meeting. All boys and girls of college age are cordially invited to join in the activities.

Bar Mitzvahs

A hearty Mazel Tov is extended to Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Leifer of 41 Eastern Parkway on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Elihu H., at the Center this Sabbath morning, February 21st.

Congratulations and best wishes are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Greenberg of 789 St. Marks Avenue at the celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Melvin R., at the Center this Saturday morning, February 21st.

Welcome to Rabbi Jacob Levinson On His Return to Our Community

A hearty welcome is extended to Rabbi and Mrs. Jacob Levinson, who have recently moved back to our section, and who now reside at 501 New York Ave. Rabbi Levinson was for many years the rabbi of our sister Congregation Choveve Torah, and moved a few years ago to Manhattan. We are glad and privileged to have him as our neighbor once again.

Acknowledgment of Gifts

We acknowledge with thanks receipt

of donations for the purchase of Prayer Books and Talleim from the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fishbach in honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah.

Mrs. Morris Gorelik in memory of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kravet in honor of the birth of twin grandchildren.

Mrs. Louis J. Roth in memory of her husband.

Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes are extended to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lemberg of 870 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on the betrothal of their daughter, Susan, to Mr. Nathaniel Usdan of Lawrence, L. I.

Miss Frances Rosenberg of 402 Jerome Street on her marriage to Mr. Milford A. Saltz of 1837 Sterling Place at the Center on February 21st.

Washington's Birthday Gym Schedule

The Gym and Baths Department will be open on Monday, February 23rd (Washington's Birthday) for men from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for boys from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Passing of Rabbi Isidor Signor

The Brooklyn Jewish Center joins the Brooklyn Jewish Community in mourning the death of a fine spiritual leader, Rabbi Isidor Signor. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved wife and children, and also to Congregation Beth-El of Manhattan Beach, which he served with distinction for more than a quarter of a century.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for membership in the Brooklyn Jewish Center:

AMSTERDAM, DR. HARVEY J.

Res. 431 East 20th St.
Bus. Physician, 99 Lafayette Ave.
Married

Proposed by Dr. Sol D. Amsterdam,
Louis Frank

BROOKS, LEO

Res. 421 Sterling St.
Married

Proposed by Freda Skeer

FUCHS, ARNOLD J.

Res. 1096 President St.
Single

GERBER, MISS MARCY

Res. 284 Boerum St.

GILFORD, MARTIN

Res. 1417 Carroll St.
Single

Proposed by S. Megeff,
Herbert Staub

GOLDSTEIN, LEON

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Single

Proposed by Herman M. Rubin,
Shirley Rubin

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Single

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Res. 709 Eastern Parkway
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SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR 1953

FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERVICES

"Jewish Law and Jewish Life—A Study in the Growth and Development"—Rabbi Levinthal—Jan. 4th.

"Bringing God Back to Judaism"—Rabbi Saltzman—Jan. 11th.

"Promise of the Ghetto"—In honor of the 100th anniversary of I. L. Peretz—Rabbi Lewittes—Jan. 18th.

"After 70—Second 'Prime of Life' or 'Second Childhood'?"—Rabbi Saltzman—Jan. 25th.

"The Jewish Concept of Love for Fellow Man"—Rabbi Sidney Lindenberg—Feb. 1st.

"Minority Differences and Human Equality"—A Lincoln's Birthday Message—Rabbi Saltzman—Feb. 8th.

"Sabbath Observance and Jewish Law"—Rabbi Saltzman—Feb. 15th.

"The Sabbath Through the Ages"—Rabbi Abraham Bloch—Feb. 22nd.

"How to Teach the Concept of God to Our Children"—Rabbi Saltzman—Feb. 29th.

"The Changing Art of Jewish Conversations—A Pre-Purim Sermon"—Rabbi Saltzman—Mar. 7th.

"The Role of the Jewish Woman Today"—Annual Sisterhood Service—Participants: The Mesdames Harry Berman, Phineas Spinrad, Harry Goldstein, Frank Schaeffer, Henry Brautman, Emanuel Davis, Lawrence Meyer, Irwin Rubin—Cantor Wm. Sauler—Greetings by Rabbi Levinthal—Oneg Shabbat followed—Mar. 14th.

"The Contemporary Soul-Struggle"—Rabbi Aaron Tofield—Mar. 21st.

"The Unchanging Jew"—Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman—Mar. 28th.

"An Invitation to Elijah"—Rabbi Max B. Wall—Apr. 4th.

"Portrait of a Rabbi"—Tribute to his revered father—Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 31st.

"The Sabbath—Its Message for the Modern Jew"—Rabbi Kreitman—Musical program presented by Center Choral Ensemble under the leadership of Sholom Secunda—Cantor Wm. Sauler, Soloist—Nov. 7th.

Formal Installation of Rabbi Kreitman

RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL RECREATIONAL SOCIAL

as Associate Rabbi of the Center—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Invocation by Rabbi Lewittes—Greetings by Judge Emanuel Greenberg—Nov. 14th.

"The Greatness and the Uniqueness of Dr. Weizmann"—Rabbi Levinthal—Nov. 21st.

"The Place of the Rabbi in the American Jewish Community"—Rabbi Kreitman—Nov. 28th.

Special Service to Honor Israel Tourists—Guest Speaker, Hon. Jacob L. Holtzman—Dec. 5th.

"If It Had Not Happened—A Chanukah Message"—Rabbi Kreitman—Dec. 12th.

"The Significance of Chanukah for Our Day"—Rabbi Levinthal—Musical program by Center Choral Ensemble under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Cantor Sauler, Soloist—Dec. 19th.

Annual College Student Service conducted by members of our Junior League—Rabbi Kreitman in charge of program—Theme: "American Youth Looks to the Future"—Mr. Jos. Aaron, Moderator—Dec. 26th.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Purim Services—Reading of the Megillah—Mar. 10th and 11th.

First Days of Passover—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal, Rabbi Lewittes—Apr. 10th and 11th.

Concluding Days of Passover—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Lewittes—Apr. 16th and 17th.

Shevuoth Services—followed by Consecration Services—May 30th.

Shevuoth Services—Second Day—Cantata "The Sabbath"—under supervision of Mrs. Rose Rosenberg and Rabbi Lewittes—Musical direction under Mr. Sholom Secunda and Mr. Naftali Frankel—May 31st.

Special Baccalaureate Service for Center Graduates—Sermon by Rabbi Lewittes—June 14th.

Tisha B'ab Services—July 30th and 31st.

Slicoth Services—Cantor Sauler assisted by Center Choir under leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Sept. 13th.

Rosh Hashonah Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 20th.

Rosh Hashonah Services—Second Day—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Sept. 21st.

Rosh Hashonah Services in Auditorium—Rev. Morris Einhorn officiated—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman, 1st Day—Rabbi Lewittes, 2nd Day.

Kol Nidre Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 28th.

Kol Nidre Services in Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman.

Yom Kippur Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 29th.

Yom Kippur Services in Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman.

Junior Congregation Services during the High Holy Days under leadership of Rabbi Lewittes and Naftali Frankel.

Children's Congregation Services during the High Holy Days under the leadership of Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

Succoth Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 4th.

Second Day of Succoth—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Oct. 5th—Cantor Sauler assisted by Center Choir under leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda officiated on both days.

Concluding Succoth Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Cantor Sauler, assisted by Center Choir under leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Oct. 11th and 12th.

MONDAY NIGHT FORUMS

"The Washington Scene—A Peek Behind the Congressional Curtain"—Helen Gahagan Douglas—Jan. 14th.

"The Way of Life"—Prof. Martin Buber—Mar. 31st.

"The American Scene Today"—Max Lerner—Apr. 21st.

"What We Owe to Ourselves as Human Beings"—Prof. Harry A. Overstreet—Nov. 17th.

"The American Jew and the Israeli Jew

—The Relationship Between the Two"—Maurice Samuel—Dec. 15th.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

"New Approach to Marriage and Divorce"—Participants: Max Herzfeld, Rabbi Manuel Saltzman, Hon. William I. Siegel. Harry Cooper, Moderator—Feb. 18th.

LECTURE SERIES

"Problems of Family Relationship"—First Lecture—Dr. Henry V. Agin on "The Recognition of the Need for Assistance in Family Relationship"—Dec. 1st.

YIDDISH LECTURE

Yiddish Evening—Prominent writers and authors participated—Musical Program—Nov. 19th.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Dinner arranged by the Brooklyn Jewish Center Friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary in honor of Mr. Frank Schaeffer—Jan. 10th.

Rally for Israel—Speakers: Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Ben Grauer, Earl Wilson, Veronica Lake, Josh White—Musical program by Sidor Belarsky—Jan. 30th.

Annual Meeting—Election and Installation of Officers—Entertainment by Alan Chester, Concert Singer, and Ruth Koslovsky, Contralto with the Sal Maggi Opera Co.—Jan. 31st.

Special lecture in honor of Jewish Music Month—"What is Jewish Music" discussed by Mr. Sholom Secunda—Feb. 19th.

Jewish Music Festival in celebration of Jewish Music Month—Concert Orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Brooklyn Jewish Center Choral Ensemble—Feb. 27th.

Membership Social—Farewell Reception to Rabbi Saltzman—Sidor Belarsky, Baritone, accompanied by Mr. Sholom Secunda—Mar. 13th.

Participation in Mammoth Purim Festival at Madison Square Garden by Center Choral Ensemble under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Mar. 17th.

Passover Sedorim—Apr. 9th and 10th. Membership Social—Square Dance and Games—Apr. 20th.

Participation in United Jewish Appeal Annual Dinner—May 1st.

Membership Social—Entertainment by Jan Fields Trio—Lila Savitt, Accordionist—Lewis Norman, Humorist—May 28th.

Participation in Music Under Stars at Ebbets Field in behalf of the American Fund for Israel Institutions—June 7th.

Dinner-Meeting of the Board of Trustees to welcome Rabbi Kreitman—Sept. 16th.

Membership Social—Entertainment by Leon Lishner, Baritone—Gloria Perkins—Violinist—Oct. 8th.

Dinner to Mr. Samuel Rottenberg, Honorary President of the Center, by the Board of Trustees, in honor of the celebration of his 80th birthday—Oct. 23rd.

Dinner in behalf of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in honor of Mr. Joseph Goldberg, Administrative Director of the Center—Nov. 13th.

Thanksgiving Dinner—Nov. 27th.

Celebration in honor of Jewish Music Month—Mr. Meyer Levin, Guest Speaker—Subject: "The Role of the Jewish Book in Jewish Life Today"—Book exhibit of rare Jewish volumes under the supervision of our librarian, Dr. E. N. Rabinowitz—Dec. 8th.

Membership Social—Chanukah Program—Cantor Wm. Sauler, accompanied by Mr. Sholom Secunda—Molly Picon—Dec. 17th.

SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES

Jan. 16th—Participation in Federation of Jewish Women's Convention—Hotel Astor.

Jan. 22nd—Participation in "Federation Day" Luncheon—Hotel Astor.

Jan. 28th—Meeting—Mrs. Carl Kahn, Chairman—Musical Dramatic Version of "The King and I" by Ruth Mondschein—A Tour of the Jewish Theological Seminary, a colorful presentation on "slides."

Feb. 18th—Participation in Opening Rally for United Jewish Appeal workers and Special Gifts Luncheon.

Feb. 20th—Participation in "Chai" Club Brunch of Jewish Theological Seminary—Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

Feb. 25th—Meeting—Celebration of "Brotherhood Week" and "Jewish Music Month"—Rabbi Lewittes, Speaker—Cantata "Sholom" by Aviva Choral Group—Mrs. S. Kushner, Chairman.

Feb. 27th—Reception to new members

at the home of Mrs. Joseph Heimowitz.

Feb. 28th—All-Day Conference—Jewish Theological Seminary—Purim Program.

Mar. 5th—Annual Torah Fund Luncheon—Rabbi Saul Teplitz, Guest Speaker—Musical selections by Harriet Popper—Mrs. Benj. Markowe, Chairman.

Mar. 11th—Testimonial Luncheon to Rabbi Saltzman tendered by Executive Board.

Mar. 12th—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Special Gifts Brunch for contributors of \$260 and over—Hotel Plaza.

Mar. 24th—"Jewish Women of Achievement" program—Presentation of Awards to Judge Anna Moskowitz Kross, Mrs. Zelda Popkin, Mrs. Wm. Dick Sporg—Greetings by Rabbi Levinthal—Invocation by Mrs. Mordecai Lewittes—Musical program by Cantor Wm. Sauler and Miss Charney Shapiro.

Mar. 31st—Participation in Borough Meeting of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organization—Temple Beth Elohim.

Apr. 2nd—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Brunch for contributors of \$125 and over—Hotel Pierre.

Apr. 23rd—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Brunch for contributors of \$75 and over.

Apr. 28th—Meeting—4th Anniversary of Israel celebration—Annual Summation of American Affairs—Cantata "Ballad of Israel" by the Rockaway Park Group of Hadassah—Mrs. Irv. Gluckstein, Chairman.

May 4th—Post-Bar Mitzvah Breakfast to Post-Bar Mitzvah students of Hebrew School.

May 5th—Participation in Metropolitan Branch Women's League All-Day Conference and Installation.

May 12th—Mother's Day Tribute—Musical program—Mrs. Florence Schall in a repertoire of humorous sketches—Mother-Daughter candle-lighting ceremony—Mrs. S. Kushner, Chairman.

May 13th—Participation in Jewish Day for the Blind—Hotel St. George.

May 15th—Sisterhood hostess to Brooklyn Branch of Women's League Installation—Outstanding program.

May 26th—Participation in United

Jewish Appeal Tea for donors of \$18 and over at the home of Mrs. Isaac Levingson.

June 2nd—Installation of Officers and Closing Meeting—Greetings by Rabbi Levinthal—Annual Report by Mrs. Frank Schaeffer—Installing Officer, Hon. William I. Siegel—Chairman, Mrs. M. Robt. Epstein.

June 4th and 25th—Trip to United Nations.

June 9th—Closing Meeting and Luncheon of Executive Board.

Sept. 24th—Opening General Meeting—Greetings by Rabbi Levinthal—"The Feast of Succoth"—a TV program in story and song presented by Center members—Center Youth Dance Sequences under supervision of Mrs. "Hershey" Kaplan, produced and directed by Mr. Herbert Levine, YFL Dramatic Director—Choral Ensemble under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Mrs. Carl A. Kahn, Chairman.

Oct. 6th—Participation in Annual Succoth Party of Metropolitan Women's League at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Oct. 15th—Participation in Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Conference.

Oct. 22nd—Town Meeting—Election Issues discussed by Mrs. Ira Gluckstein, Chairman—Other participants—The Mesdames James Jackman, Carl Kahn, Israel Kaplan, Samuel Seckler and Frank Schaeffer.

Oct. 29th—Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show by Martin's—Mrs. S. Kushner, Chairman.

Oct. 30th—Participation in Israel Bond Rally at Manhattan Center, N. Y.—Parade of Israel Fashions.

Nov. 9th-13th—Participation in Biennial Convention of National Women's League at Philadelphia.

Nov. 2nd—Theatre Party—Yiddish Play "Uncle Sam in Israel"—Music by Sholom Secunda.

Nov. 19th—Participation in Annual Institute Day—Theme: "Judaism Speaks Through the Professions"—Miss Anna Kleban of the Jewish Theological Seminary on "Through the Parchment Curtain" illustrated by slides—Dr. Aaron Leifer, Speaker, for the field of Medicine; Dr. Norman Salit, Speaker for the field of Law—Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, Moderator—Musical program.

Nov. 24th—Participation in the "Night of Stars" performance at Madison Square Garden, N. Y.

Dec. 15th—Participation in Women's League Chanukah Luncheon at Hotel Commodore.

Dec. 22nd—Meeting—Book Review of a current best-seller by Mrs. Naomi Finkelstein; Harold Goldstein, Raconteur, in a program of humorous Jewish anecdotes—Mrs. Sarah Klinghoffer, Chairman.

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP

Jan. 24th—Meeting—Showing of film "Angry Boys" dealing with Parent-Child Relationship—Discussion followed—Social Hour.

Feb. 28th—Meeting—Discussion of "Religion in the Public School System" by Rabbi Saltzman—Social Hour.

Mar. 27th—Card and Mah Jongg Party—Social Hour.

May 21st—Meeting—Lecture on Jewish Music by Mr. Sholom Secunda—Elections—Social Hour.

Oct. 14th—Opening Meeting of season—Discussion on "What to Teach Your Child About God" by Mr. Louis J. Gribetz.

Nov. 18th—Meeting—Discussion on "Must Neighborhoods Change" by Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman—Social Hour.

CENTER ACADEMY ACTIVITIES

Jan. 16th—P.T.A. Meeting—Dr. Roma Ganz, professor of Columbia University, gave lecture on "Preparing the Child for Twentieth Century Living."

Jan. 21st—P.T.A. Mah Jongg and Card Party for benefit of Scholarship Fund.

Jan. 30th—Chamisha Assar Celebration.

Feb. 12th—Lincoln's Birthday celebration—Play presented by Grade VII, followed by parent's luncheon and Student Council auctions in each grade.

Feb. 20th—P.T.A. Meeting—Grade VIII presented a round table discussion entitled "Do Military Men Make Desirable Presidents?"

Mar. 11th—Traditional Purim celebration—Reading of Megillah—Costumes—"Kreplach and Shalach."

Mar. 16th—Purim celebration for parents—Colorful pageant presented in

which every child in the Center Academy participated.

Mar. 20th—P.T.A. Classroom Meeting—Topic, "Classroom Projects."

Apr. 7th—Passover Seder conducted by pupils of Grade VIII—All grades participated.

May 15th—P.T.A. Meeting—Mrs. Anna S. Lesser, director of the Center Academy, introduced new teaching methods.

May 27th—Lag B'Omer picnic of all grades—A gala fete was arranged by Mr. Barney Ain in Prospect Park.

June 11th—Graduation.

June 13th—School closes.

Sept. 8th—School opens.

Sept. 17th—P.T.A. Meeting—Mrs. Phineas Spinrad lectured on "The Role of the Jewish Mother Towards Jewish Education."

Oct. 3rd—Succoth festivity on roof of Jewish Center in the Succah—Prayers and singing of songs characteristic of Succoth holiday—Fruits and other refreshments served.

Oct. 15th—P.T.A.—First classroom meeting held for parents in each grade with respective teacher presiding.

Nov. 23rd—Thanksgiving Day celebration—Series of playlets given by children for parents and friends—All scripts, costumes and scenery created by the students—Kindergarten through Grade VIII participated.

Nov. 26th—P.T.A. book exhibit in honor of Jewish Book Month—Arranged by Grade VIII under the supervision of Mr. Leo Shpall—Sale followed for the benefit of student fund—Cantor Sauler rendered vocal selections and community singing followed.

Dec. 1st-5th—Grade VIII visited Greendale Farms, South Salem, New York (which is an educational camping project) for five days. They were accompanied by Mrs. Anna Lesser, director, and Mr. Albert Slot, teacher, of Grade VIII.

Dec. 10th—P.T.A. Meeting—Film presentation "The Angry Boy."

Dec. 12th—Chanukah celebration—Lighting of candles, musical program presented by children—Each child received a gift—Potato pancakes served for lunch.

The following is a list of the faculty of the Center Academy:

Director—Anna S. Lesser; Acting Head of Hebrew Department—Leo Shpall; Ruby Kupperman, Ruth Lane, Kathryn Greenwood, Gloria Krulik, Mildred Bresler, Evelyn Wexler, Meyer Sussman, Judith Feder, Albert Slot, David Weintraub, Louis Harris, Lila Cohen, Bertha Malkin, Hilda Gelber.

Dec. 16th—Meeting—Chanukah Program—Games—Appropriate Refreshments.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Jan. 8th—Meeting—Discussion on "The Problem of Subversive as a Teacher in the Public Schools"—Prof. Louis Jaughin, Speaker—Dancing and Social Hour.

Jan. 15th—Meeting—Israel Bond Drive program—Bess Myerson, Speaker—Entertainment by Peery and Barrett, Concert Pianists—Dancing and Social Hour.

Jan. 22nd—Social Meeting.

Jan. 29th—Current Events Group program—Discussion on "Roosevelt—China Policy—A Hind Sight Evaluation" by Dr. Alvin Bahunen of L.I.U.

Feb. 5th—Current Events Group program—Discussion on "Psychosomatic Medicine" by Dr. Raymond Nadel—Social Hour.

Feb. 12th—Meeting—Program devoted to Jewish Month—Membership participation—Choral Singing and Group Dancing arranged by Harriet Bell and Roslyn Sohn.

Feb. 19th—Lecture in series sponsored by Hebrew Culture Group—Debate on "Shall Israel Accept Reparations from Germany for the Distribution of European Jewry?"—Social Hour.

Feb. 26th—Program dedicated to "Brotherhood Week"—Dr. Irv. Markowitz, Supervisory Psychiatrist at Brooklyn State Hospital, Speaker on "Prejudice: Its Causes and Cure"—Social Hour.

Mar. 4th—Current Events Group program—Discussion on "Germany Today" by a recent visitor from Germany—Social Hour.

Mar. 11th—Meeting—Purim Program—YPL Convention Rally—Social Hour.

Mar. 18th—Social Meeting.

Mar. 25th—Annual United Jewish Appeal Cabaret Night—Orchestra Dancing.

Apr. 1st—Current Events Group program—"Communism in the U. S. A."—

Speaker, Mr. Howard Rushmore, former member of the Communist Party—Social Hour.

Apr. 8th—Model Seder—Passover songs led by Naftali Frankel.

Apr. 22nd—Election of Officers and Executive Board—Social Hour.

Apr. 29th—Social Meeting.

May 13th—Lecture—"Judaism's Attitude Toward Sex"—Rabbi Schneerson on "Jewish Views on Courtship and Marriage."

May 17th—Annual Cotillion—Entertainment—Orchestra Dancing—Refreshments.

May 20th—Installation of Officers and Executive Board—Celebration of 4th Anniversary of the State of Israel—Social Hour.

May 27th—Lecture on "Great Names in Jewish History"—Rabbi Abraham P. Bloch on "The Prophets and Social Justice"—Social Hour.

May 30th—Kiddush following Shevuoth services.

June 10th—Square Dance with Professional Caller Prizes.

June 15th—Spring Picnic.

June 24th—"Roof Garden" meeting to open season of roof meetings held twice a month throughout the summer—Refreshments.

Sept. 12th-14th—Participation in United Jewish Appeal week-end at the Youngs Gap Hotel—Michael J. Rosenfeld, Chairman.

Sept. 23rd—Square Dance—David Leone, Caller.

Sept. 27th—Y.F.L. Sabbath—Participants: Gerald Jacobs, Harold Kalb, Max Wertheim, Rhoda Blum—Kiddush followed service.

Sept. 29th—Annual Yom Kippur Night Dance—Proceeds to Charity.

Oct. 7th—Meeting—Formation of plans for coming season—Award presented by YPL for excellence in programming during past year.

Oct. 14th—Simchas Torah program.

Oct. 19th—Picnic followed by Moonlight Autumn Hayride—Michael J. Rosenfeld, Chairman, Janice Nathanson, Co-Chairman.

Oct. 21st—Program devoted to U.N.—"The U.N.—Its Crisis and Future," by

Mr. Oscar Schachter, Deputy Director in U.N. Legal Dept.—Question period—Social Hour.

Oct. 26th—Participation in YPL Conference at Temple Ansche Chesed, N. Y.

Oct. 28th—Pre-election Symposium—Participants: Sidney Katz, Alex Rosenberg, Elmer Riffman, Jerry Schneider—Social Hour.

Nov. 4th—Election Night Social—Election Returns—Dancing.

Nov. 11th—Dramatic presentation on an Armistice Day Theme—Social Hour.

Nov. 18th—Celebration of Jewish Book Month—Discussion of David Kazan's book "A Walker in the City"—Social Hour.

Nov. 25th—Thanksgiving Day Program—Discussion on "Jewish Contributions to American History" by Mr. Leo Shpall—Social Hour.

Dec. 2nd—Game Night—Social Hour.

Dec. 9th—Current Events Group program—Speaker, Mr. Peter S. Kurtz, Brooklyn Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League—Films and Psychological Experiments entitled "Rumor Clinic"—Jerry Schneider and Shirley Rubin, Co-Chairmen.

Dec. 14th—Participation in United Jewish Appeal—"Three Ring Circus" at the Armory, N. Y.

Dec. 16th—Annual Chanukah Program—Rabbi Kreitman—Center Choral Ensemble under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda.

Dec. 23rd—Federation Cabaret Night—Orchestra Dancing—Guest Speaker—Entertainment.

Dec. 30th—YPL Night—Young Folks League hosts to City-wide YPL membership—"The YPL Story" in Eternal Light style presented by Herb Levine and Arnold Magaliff.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Jan. 3rd—Junior League meeting—Discussion of New Year's Customs.

Jan. 5th—Shomrim Boys Club Basketball Game.

Jan. 10th—Junior League meeting—Evening of Israel Folk Dancing.

Jan. 17th—Junior League meeting—Discussion of "Can You Top This" program—Social Hour.

Jan. 24th—Junior League meeting—

Discussion of topic "Can Inter-marriage Possibly Lead to Happiness" — Social Hour.

Feb. 7th — Junior League meeting — Discussion on "What Makes Jewish Music?" — Participants: Robert Kritiz, Vivian Daitz, Ira Koslow.

Feb. 9th—Joint celebration of Saturday night Junior Clubs in honor of Jewish Music Month led by Mr. Naftali Frankel, Music Instructor of Hebrew School.

Feb. 14th — Junior League meeting — Program celebrating "Brotherhood Week" —Discussion on "Jewish Ideas and Ideals of Brotherhood as Found in the Talmud" —Social Hour.

Feb. 21st — Junior League meeting — "Talent Night" arranged by Rita Goldberg—Social Hour.

Feb. 23rd—Joint Assembly of Saturday night Junior Clubs in observance of Inter-faith Day — Appropriate movie shown.

Feb. 28th — Junior League meeting — "Sadie Hawkins Night" in observance of Leap Year arranged by Frances Hirschhorn.

Mar. 1st — Junior Inta-League Leap Year Dance—Games and dancing.

Mar. 6th — Junior League Monthly Open Meeting and Social.

Mar. 13th—Junior League meeting—Purim program — Presentation of play "The Great Purim Scandal."

Mar. 15th—Purim Carnival—Saturday Night Junior Clubs jointly with the Junior Congregation—Proceeds to United Jewish Appeal.

Mar. 20th—Junior League meeting—Panel discussion "How Has TV Affected the Social Habits of the American People"—Social Hour.

Mar. 27th—Junior League meeting—Discussion on "Has the American Jewish Community Been Influenced by the Creation of the State of Israel?" — Social Hour.

Apr. 3rd — Junior League meeting — "Passover Traditions and Their Origins" led by Mr. Jos. Aaron—Social Hour.

Apr. 12th—Vivalets—Model Seder—Entertainment—Songs and dances.

Apr. 14th—Joint Junior Clubs—Hosts to Brooklyn Region of the United Synagogue Youth—Special Maariv service in

Synagogue conducted by the Synagogue Youth—Social Hour.

Apr. 24th—Junior League Social meeting — Entertainment planned by Rita Goldberg.

May 1st — Junior League meeting — Discussion "Relationship Between Science and Religion" led by Morton Lowenfeld —Social Hour.

May 8th — Junior League meeting — Panel and Group discussion "What Kind of President Does Our Country Need?" —Social Hour.

May 15th—Junior League meeting—Commencing of weekly "Roof Garden" meetings for the duration of the month of June.

Sept. 18th—Junior League meeting—"Get Acquainted" Social and Open Meeting opening new season.

Oct. 9th — Junior League meeting — Succoth program—Brief discussion on the "Significance of the Holiday" — Social Hour—Refreshments in the Succah.

Oct. 16th—Junior League meeting—Forum discussion on Election Issues — Arthur Viders for Republicans; Richard Stadin for Democrats—Social Hour.

Oct. 18th — Opening meeting for all Junior Saturday Night clubs.

Oct. 23rd—Junior League meeting—Election of Officers — Discussion of "Would the Drafting of Women Solve Many of the Problems of Our Youth Today?" led by Miss Gilda Blitzer and Bernard Goldberg—Social Hour.

Nov. 6th — Junior League meeting — Monthly Open Meeting and Social Get-Together.

Nov. 13th—Junior League meeting—Discussion "What Part Should Youth Play in the Life of the Jewish Center"—Prominent member of the Center Youth Commission—Social Hour.

Nov. 20th—Junior League meeting—Program in memory of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel—Social Hour.

Nov. 27th — Junior League Annual Thanksgiving Social.

Dec. 4th — Junior League meeting — Open meeting and Game Night planned by Rena Rosenbaum and Sherry Siegel.

Dec. 6th — Inta-League, Intra-League and Junior Inta-League Square Dance.

Dec. 11th — Junior League — Pre-Chanukah Candle-lighting ceremony —

Panel discussion on "Chanukah in History and Tradition" — Chanukah songs and dances.

Dec. 13th—Joint Junior Clubs—Movie — Presentation of Book Month Poster Contest awards.

Dec. 18th—Junior League meeting—Program devoted to Jewish Book Month celebration—Discussion on "What Jewish Book Should One Have in a Home Library?" led by Mr. Jos. Aaron.

Dec. 25th—Junior League meeting—Panel discussion on "What is a Sound Jewish Attitude Towards Christmas?" — Participants: Rena Rosenbaum, Sam Rapaport, Stuart Oelbaum—Mr. Jos. Aaron, Moderator—Social Hour.

PHYSICAL TRAINING COMMITTEE Basketball Games

B.J.C. vs. Boro Park Y.M.H.A.—Nov. 23rd.

B.J.C. vs. 92nd Street Y.M.H.A. — Nov. 30th.

B.J.C. vs. Union Temple—Dec. 7th.

B.J.C. vs. Rego Park Jewish Center—Dec. 21st.

BAR MITZVAHS

Lloyd Klapper, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Kuperstein—Jan. 5th.

Ira David Miller, son of Dr. and Mrs. Solomon J. Miller—Jan. 19th.

Daniel Schwartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Schwartz—Jan. 19th.

Paul S. Spiegler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moe Spiegler—Feb. 9th.

Joel Alan Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Newman—Feb. 16th.

Samuel Dansky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Dansky—Feb. 16th.

Steven Dittman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dittman—Mar. 1st.

Stephen Munzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Munzer—Mar. 15th.

Leonard Peter Fried, son of Mrs. Harry Fried—Apr. 26th.

Bruce Plapinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Plapinger—May 10th.

Martin Skeer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Skeer—May 17th.

Frederick Martin Yaeger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yaeger—May 17th.

Stephen Arnold Zerof, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Zerof—May 17th.

Joseph Krimko, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Abraham Krimko—June 7th.

Alan Noah Fruitstone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fruitstone—June 14th.

Martin Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lewis—June 21st.

Jay Myron Jackman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Jackman—June 14th.

Martin Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ellis—June 21st.

Stanley H. Skalka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Skalka—June 21st.

Ronald Goldstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Goldstein—Sept. 6th.

Robert Blumberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Blumberg—Sept. 13th.

Stephen Sklar, son of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Sklar—Sept. 27th.

Alan Goldenberg, son of Dr. and Mrs. Morris Goldenberg—Sept. 27th.

Stephen Molow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Molow—Oct. 18th.

Arnold S. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ross—Oct. 18th.

Philip Robert Skloot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Skloot—Oct. 25th.

James Emanuel Goell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Goell—Oct. 25th.

Paul Heller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Heller—Oct. 25th.

Fred Shwom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shwom—Nov. 8th.

Arnold A. Amster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Amster—Nov. 22nd.

Robert Morris Winick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Winick—Nov. 22nd.

David J. Bershad, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bershad—Nov. 29th.

Richard Saul Epstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Epstein—Nov. 29th.

Jeffrey Harris Weissman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Weissman—Dec. 13th.

HEBREW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jan. 20th—High School Community Breakfast.

Jan. 30th—Meet-the-Faculty Meeting—Guest Speaker, Rabbi Theodore Lewis.

Feb. 11th—Tu B'shvat Celebration.

Mar. 9th—Purim Entertainment.

Mar. 10th—Reading of Megillah for Pupils.

Mar. 11th—Purim Classroom Parties.

Apr. 2nd—Model Passover Seder.

Apr. 9th-17th—Special Passover Ser-

vices in Junior Congregation.

Apr. 30th—Israeli Independence Day Celebration.

May 11th—Parent-Child Community Breakfast—Speakers: Mrs. Nehamah Cohen and Mr. Samuel Spevack.

May 12th-13th—Lag B'Omer Athletic Events.

May 18th—U.J.A. Film Festival.

May 30th—Consecration Exercises.

June 15th—Graduation Exercises—Presentation of Cantata, "Proclaim Liberty."

June 18th—Choral Group Party.

June 23rd—Promotion Day.

June 25th—Faculty Reception.

Sept. 4th—Opening of Hebrew School.

Sept. 14th—Opening of High School Department.

Sept. 20th-21st—Rosh Hashanah—Junior Congregation Services.

Oct. 11th—Simchat Torah Procession.

Nov. 5th—P.T.A. Meeting—Presentation of Cantata, "Shalom Means Peace."

Nov. 8th—Hagigath B'reshith.

Nov. 9th—High School Community Breakfast—Speaker: Rabbi Kreitman on "Jewish Chaplains in the Armed Forces."

Nov. 16th, 17th & 18th—Assemblies in Honor of Chaim Weizmann.

Nov. 22nd—Junior Congregation Service Conducted by Graduation Class.

Nov. 30th—P.T.A. Chanukah Program.

Dec. 14th—Chanukah Entertainment.

Dec. 28th—Israeli Film "The Great Promise."

Dec. 30th—Celebration of Jewish Book Month by all Brooklyn Hebrew Schools.

HEBREW EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(a) INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES FOR ADULTS.

Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, Director.

Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, Associate Director.

Mrs. E. N. Rabinowitz, Registrar.

Hebrew A: Every Wednesday, 8 to 9 P.M., Mr. Aaron Krumbein, Instructor.

Hebrew B: Every Wednesday, 8 to 9 P.M., Mrs. Jean Serbin-Beder, Instructor.

Hebrew C: Every Wednesday, 8 to 9 P.M., Mr. Samuel Edelheit, Instructor.

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brew: Every Wednesday, 8 to 9:30 P.M., Mrs. Nellie Cohen, Instructor.

Hebrew A: Every Thursday, 10 to 11:30 A.M., Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Hebrew B: Every Thursday, 10 to 11 A.M., Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Hebrew C: Thursday, 11 to 12 A.M., Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Religion: Every Wednesday, 9 to 10 P.M., Dr. Benjamin Kreitman.

History: Every Tuesday, 7 to 8 P.M., Mr. Leo Shpall, Instructor.

Philosophy of Jewish Religion: Every Tuesday morning, 10 to 12 o'clock, Dr. M. Freedman, Instructor.

(b) JUNIOR CONGREGATION.

The children of the Hebrew School and Center members meet every Saturday morning and during holidays, in the Beth Hamidrash. Sermons are delivered by the members of the Hebrew School Faculty and guest speakers. High Holy Day services for the Junior Congregation are held during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

(c) CHILDREN'S CONGREGATION.

Special services are held each Sabbath for children below the age of 10. The Children's Congregation also meets during the High Holidays. The teacher in charge is Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

Hebrew Religious Schools

1. BETH-SEFER IVRI (HEBREW SCHOOL):

The upper grades meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-6:00 P.M. and on Sunday from 9:40-11:30 A.M. The lower grades meet on Monday and Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 P.M. and on Sunday from 11:30-1:00 P.M. The curriculum, which covers six years of work, includes Hebrew conversation, Chumash, Siddur, Hebrew literature, Jewish history, Jewish current events and Hebrew songs.

Boys older than 10 are not admitted to the beginners' class.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Classes from 1st to 4th grade meet on Sunday from 10:00-12:00 A.M. Beginning with the 5th grade, girls attend one afternoon a week in addition to Sunday morning.

3. HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

a.—Florence Marshall Hebrew High School.

Graduates of the Hebrew School and

Center Academy are eligible to join this school, a branch of which meets three times weekly in the Brooklyn Jewish Center. The course covers four years of intensive work in Tanach, Hebrew and history.

b.—Post-Bar Mitzvah Fellowship.

Students continue their studies for a two-year period beyond Bar Mitzvah. In addition to their study of history and Bible, the students conduct morning services on Sunday in conjunction with the Post-Bar Mitzvah breakfasts arranged by the Parent-Teachers Association. The last late Friday night service of the year is devoted to the graduates of this group.

c.—Consecration Class.

Graduates of the Hebrew School, Center Academy or Sunday School are eligible to join the Consecration class which meets on Sunday morning. Consecration exercises are held on the first day of Shavuoth.

d.—Post-Graduate Class.

This is a two-year extension course in Tanach and Hebrew for graduates of the Hebrew School and Academy. Students meet for a three-hour session on Sunday morning.

e.—Senior Group.

Upper grade high school students who have completed a preliminary course may enroll in this group which meets on Sunday morning for the study of Jewish ethics and current problems. This is a two-year course.

Hebrew School Faculty

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Sunday School Faculty

Mrs. Mimi Alter, Mrs. Rebecca Green-seid, Mr. Jacob Grumet, Mr. Samuel Klein, Mrs. Dorothy Ross, Mrs. Rose Rosenthal, Mr. Nathan Savitsky, Mrs. Selma Shacknai, Miss Laura Sorscher, Mrs. Ganya Spinrad, Miss Hannah Weidman, Miss Tobia Brown, Mr. Morton Bromberg, Miss Helen Aronow, Mrs. Roselyn Campeas, Mr. David Pineles.

Saturday Afternoon Class

Meets every Saturday afternoon throughout the season. Lectures in Yiddish by Rabbi Gerson Abelson and guest speakers.

Class In Talmud

Class in Talmud meets Saturday afternoon throughout the year. Rabbi Jacob S. Doner, Instructor.

CENTER CLUBS

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP—Social and cultural activities. Meets monthly.

YOUNG FOLKS' LEAGUE—Unmarried Center members as well as children of members, men over 21 years and girls over 18 years.

JUNIOR LEAGUE—Boys and girls of college age. Meets every Thursday night. Mr. Joseph H. Aaron, Leader.

INTA-LEAGUE—Boys and girls in junior and senior years of high school. Cultural athletic and social program. Meets every Saturday night. Mr. Joseph H. Aaron and Mrs. Claire Aaron, Leaders.

JUNIOR INTA-LEAGUE—Boys and girls in the first and second year of high school. Irene and Daniel Pressner, Jean and Alvin Goldberg, Leaders.

SHOMRIM—Boys in the first two years of high school. Young Judean and athletic activities. Meets every Saturday night. Mr. Joseph H. Aaron, Leader.

VIVALETS—Girls in the upper grades. Young Judean and social program. Meets every Saturday night. Florence Bromberg, Leader.

TZOPIF AND MACCABEES—Boys in elementary school. Young Judean and athletic program. Meets every Saturday night. Mr. William Rosenthal, Bernard Model, Leaders.

CANDLE-LITES—Girls up to 11. Games, Arts and Crafts. Meets every Saturday night. Mrs. Jean Goldberg, Leader.

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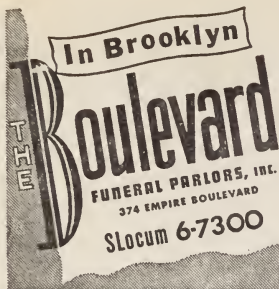
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